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(PATENT)

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In re Patent Application of:
Yoshiyuki Shoji et al.

Application No.: 10/747,951

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For: NUCLEIC ACID PURIFICATION METHOD
AND PURIFICATION APPARATUS

Examiner: P. T. Lewis

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed October 3, 2006, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group II, claims 25-31 for continued examination.

This election is with traverse. All of the claims can be searched and examined without serious burden. See M.P.E.P. §803.

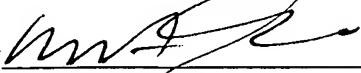
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Accordingly, favorable action on all of claims 12-31 is solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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